Railway reservation at airports

1393. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to open railway booking counters at the airports to help passengers intending to continue their onward journey by trains;

(b) if so, whether any representations have been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The various implications of the proposal are under examination by the Zonal Railway administrations. A decision will be taken on receipt of their reports.

Aircraft hit by Vulture

1394. SHRI DHARAM CHANDRA PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to unstarred question 414 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Madras bound Indian Airplines aircraft recently suffered a damage due to a vulture hit at Delhi airport; and

(b) if so, what was the extent of damage caused to the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An Airbus aircraft VT-EHD operating flight IC-439 of 28th June, 1986 on Delhi-Hyderabad-Madras sector was involved in a bird-strike incident. During inspection, four blades of Right Hand engine, air-intake at 4 places and acoustic panel were found damaged.

Freight Operations

1395. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal, steel cement, fertilizer and foodgrains carried by the Indian Railways during 1985-86 and the demand for movement of these commodities during 1986-87 as envisaged in the Annual Plan 1986-87;

(b) whether it is a fact that the demand for movement of coal, steel and foodgrains is not fully satisfied; and that this results in the use of a costly mode like road transport;

(c) whether there are any plans to increase the capacity of Indian Railways in terms of line capacity and rolling stock so that the transport demand of priority sectors could be adequately met in the coming years; and

(d) if so, what are the details of these plans?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Quantity of Revenue earing traffic moved in 1985-86 and that envisaged during 1986-87 is as under:—

(Million Tonnes)

Commodity	Movement in 1985-86 ((Provisional)	Projections for 1986-87
Coal	101·41	110·00
Steel	8·78	9·50
Cement	17·88	20·00
Fertilizer	13·59	14·00
Foodgrains	24·12	22.00